



Disaster Reserve Assistance Program

Purpose

The Disaster Reserve Assistance Program (DRAP) provides assistance to livestock producers for losses of feed grain crops, forage, and grazing due to natural disasters.

Assistance

Assistance is provided in the form of cash reimbursement up to 30 percent cost share of eligible purchased feed not exceeding total benefits available.

Availability

DRAP is authorized for 1996 crop year only.

DRAP is available in approved counties to eligible livestock owners who meet all program requirements.

DRAP will be authorized on a county-by-county basis.

Livestock owners may apply for DRAP in counties in which the program has been authorized.

Eligibility

Two tiers of eligibility, area and owner, must be satisfied before livestock owners can receive assistance. The area and owner must show at least 40 percent loss of normal grazing, and feed grain and forage production.

Eligible Owners

The livestock owner must be a citizen or legal alien of the United States, be an eligible livestock owner of eligible livestock, be actively engaged in farming and ranching, not have qualifying annual gross revenue of more than \$2.5 million, have insufficient feed available for eligible livestock for the duration of the livestock feed emergency, and comply with all other eligibility requirements.

Eligible Livestock

Eligible livestock include: cattle, including beef and dairy; buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle; sheep; goats; swine; domesticated poultry, including chickens, turkeys, geese, and ducks, and those kept for egg production; equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm; and fish used for human food.

Length of Ownership

Eligible livestock, except fish and poultry, must be owned or leased at least 6 months, or if owned or leased less than 6 months, are either offspring of eligible livestock or were inherited, leased, or purchased as part of a complete farm operation by the owner. For fish and poultry, the length of ownership requirement is 3 months.

Where to apply

Anyone wishing to determine eligibility and apply for assistance should visit their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in their county of residence or in the county serving that county.

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